

Senate Resolution 67

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Henson of the 41st and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Senator William "Bill" S. Jackson and dedicating an interchange in his honor;
- 2 and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Senator William "Bill" S. Jackson has long been recognized by the citizens of
- 4 this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment
- 5 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

- 6 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
- 7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
- 8 dramatically by his decades of public service; and

- 9 WHEREAS, a graduate of Evans High School in Columbia County, Senator Jackson founded
- 10 a tile and stone distribution company, Tile Center, Inc., in 1961 in Augusta which has grown
- 11 to include four other locations in Georgia and South Carolina; and

- 12 WHEREAS, his service as past president of the Merchants Association of Columbia County
- 13 and Martinez-Evans Jaycees, past region president of the Georgia Jaycees, and past national
- 14 director of the U.S. Jaycees is further testimony to his commitment to public service; and

- 15 WHEREAS, he was elected to serve as chairman on the Columbia County Board of
- 16 Education prior to serving as director of the Georgia School Boards Association; and

- 17 WHEREAS, Senator Jackson was elected as a representative to the Georgia House of
- 18 Representatives, where he served for 16 years as a member of numerous influential
- 19 committees, including the House Committees on Industry and Labor, Trade and Tourism,
- 20 Natural Resources and the Environment, and Special Judiciary; and

- 21 WHEREAS, his leadership continued with his service on the State Board of Corrections and
- 22 upon his election to the Georgia Senate in 2007, where he represented District 24 for ten

23 years as Secretary for the Rules Committee and as a member of the Appropriations,
24 Administrative Affairs, Ethics, Public Safety, Reapportionment and Redistricting, and State
25 Institutions and Property committees and as floor leader for Governor Nathan Deal for six
26 years; and

27 WHEREAS, he has earned distinction and numerous awards and accolades, including a 2006
28 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce; and

29 WHEREAS, Senator Jackson's significant organizational and leadership talents, his
30 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs
31 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
32 associates; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
34 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
36 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange at Interstate 20 and Highway 221/Exit 183
37 in Columbia County is dedicated as the Senator Bill Jackson Interchange.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
39 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Senator Bill Jackson
40 Interchange.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
42 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Senator William
43 "Bill" S. Jackson and to the Department of Transportation.